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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to a non-final Office Action mailed on July 9, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please add without prejudice new Fig. 3.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend without prejudice the paragraph at page 2, lines 25-27, as follows:

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--Another exemplary embodiment and/or exemplary method of the present invention is directed to loading input data into an algorithm or a program when performing a cash transaction authentication between an electronic cash chip card and a security module. The program may be a vehicle for executing an algorithm, including a software module, etc.--